

ANOTHER SLAUGHTER OF AMERICANS

REPORT LOSS OF TEN MORE U.S. CITIZENS

Rumor Current That Bandits Kill Party of Men and Two British Women.

WASHINGTON IGNORANT

No Official Word of Second Tragedy Had at Capital—Carranza Takes Action

Washington, Jan. 13.—Secretary Lansing late today gave another warning to Americans in Mexico to leave any district where "there is revolutionary trouble."

Secretary Lansing said that so far the steps taken by the Carranza government on the American representations appeared to be satisfactory. He added that the United States would expect evidence of punishment of the bandits who killed the Americans near Chihuahua and that the evidence would depend on the circumstances.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 13.—General Jose Rodriguez has been captured near Madera, Chihuahua, by Americans, according to reports received here.

A message received from Madera stated that a number of Rodriguez's men were killed and that the Americans are calling for help. The capture was made by Maximiano Marquez, it was said. He was an employee of the Hearst interests at Babicora, and is now at Madera keeping order with about one hundred and twenty-five Americans and a few soldiers. The message stated that Rodriguez was met in a pitched battle, defeated and his men scattered, captured and killed.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 13.—A report is current in Chihuahua that 10 more American men and two English women had been killed by Villa troops at Madera, Chihuahua, according to Americans who arrived here early today with the bodies of the 18 Americans who were killed last Monday.

The report could not be confirmed. One of the women reported killed was said to be the wife of Captain Jack DeBridges, retired British army officer who, with an English woman companion, Mrs. Berry, had been staying at Babicora ranch, the Hearst property.

Washington, Jan. 13.—No word of the reported killing of 10 American men and two English women by the Mexican bandits near Madera had reached the state department early today.

Another American Killed.

Washington, Jan. 13.—The killing of Bart Kramer, an American, by Mexican bandits, was officially reported in dispatches to the state department today by Collector Cobb at El Paso. The collector reported Kramer was killed near Guiera, in Chihuahua.

The department was further informed that the band which killed the party of Americans Monday was commanded by two former Villa colonels, Lopez and Beltran. General Reyna also was said to have commanded part of the Mexican force. According to the dispatches 85 men were assigned to shoot the Americans. A force of about 500 men was reported near the scene, apparently held in reserve. After killing the Americans, the dispatch said, the Mexicans robbed the train.

Mr. Cobb said he had been informed that troop trains had been dispatched by the Carranza authorities in pursuit of the bandits, one going from Juarez and another from Chihuahua.

Villa Near Scene?

Another dispatch to the department said General Villa recently had been seen near Chihuahua, but his present whereabouts was not known.

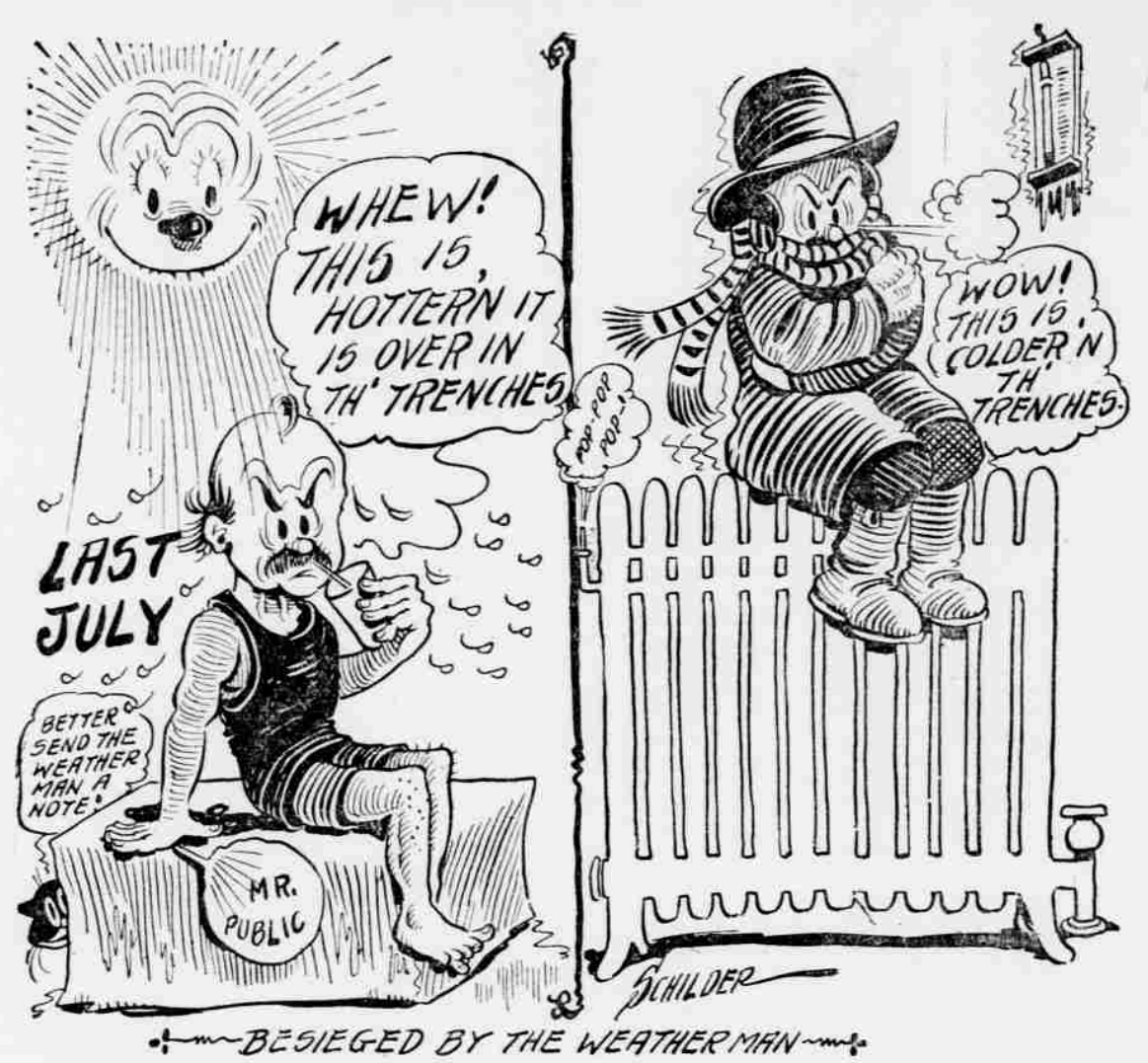
Senator Sheppard of Texas today received a telegram from Dr. C. C. Young of El Paso, stating that the dead Americans had been invited into the country by General Obregon. Senator Sheppard said he would lay the message before the state department.

President Wilson told Senator Sheppard today that the Americans had been specifically warned to keep out of Mexico. Senator Sheppard said the president did not say what further action would be taken.

Eagle Pass, Tex., Jan. 3.—All employees of the American Smelting and Refining company were ordered to leave Mexico in a telegram from the company's office at El Paso today.

Carranza Gives Assurance.

General Carranza's ambassador here today formally assured Secretary Lansing that the Carranza government "deeply deplores the dastardly action



RUSSIAN IMPORTS SHOW INCREASE

Washington, Jan. 13.—The rise of Russia's Pacific coast port Vladivostok, to a port of world importance within the last year was accompanied by a tremendous increase in imports of American goods.

Figures made public today by the department of commerce show that 10 times as much goods poured through this narrow gateway during the first eight months of 1915 as in the same period in 1914. The United States furnished one-third of the entire amount.

Imports at Vladivostok for the first eight months of last year were valued at \$87,025,000. Japanese shippers got the heaviest share of this business with goods valued at \$32,397,000. The United States was second with \$31,620,000. Imports during the same period in 1914, amounted to only \$9,311,000.

ORGANIZING TO BUY LIVESTOCK

Berlin, via London, Jan. 13.—A great national organization for the purchase of all live stock offered for sale in Germany is foreshadowed by the Vossische Zeitung as a result of a recent series of conferences among the various ministries at Berlin. Two organizations are to be formed representing producers and consumers, the first to consist of breeders of animals and dealers, the second municipalities and representatives of the consumers' organizations, both to be under the supervision of the government.

The paper says it is intended to have experts appointed to fix the price of all livestock reaching the markets which shall be just to both breeder or raiser and consumers. It is expected in this way to counteract unduly high prices.

of the Villa forces," in killing 15 Americans near Chihuahua Monday, and added that "efficient action will be taken to bring the murderers to justice." He also gave assurances that General Carranza would take steps to

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DAY IN CONGRESS

SENATE.

Met at noon. Senator Stone submitted statement from secretary of commerce regarding munition and other exports.

Senator Lewis introduced resolution to authorize use of army and navy in restoring peace in Mexico as they are being used in Haiti and Nicaragua.

HOUSE.

Met at noon.

Representative Harrison, democrat, rebuked those who were criticizing administration's foreign policy and made plea for harmony.

In speech on Mexican situation, Representative Slayden, Texas, defended administration's recognition of Carranza and said time had come for the Pan-American Union to restore peace in Mexico.

U.S. Steamer is Sunk off Irish Coast

New York, Jan. 13.—The new Leyland liner Huronian from Galveston was torpedoed on Dec. 29 off the Irish coast, according to reports current in shipping circles today.

The international mercantile marine said they had received a cablegram stating that the Huronian had met with injury and had been towed into port but the message did not state what had caused the damage.

The Huronian sailed from Galveston bound for Liverpool on Dec. 12. She was reported to have encountered a submarine not far from the spot where the Lusitania and Arabic were sunk. She was built in 1915 and was 475 feet long.

The Huronia had a cargo consisting chiefly of cotton, corn and wheat valued at more than \$1,000,000, according to her published manifests.

GREEKS PROTEST ACT OF ENTENTE

London, Jan. 13.—The Greek government says a dispatch from Athens to the Exchange Telegraph company has protested against the occupation of the island of Corfu by the entente powers. It is believed in Athens that the arrest of the Austrian and German consuls at Corfu is certain to follow.

The correspondent telegraphs that British and French ships have landed in Albania food supplies for 150,000 Serbs.

SUE AMBASSADOR FOR ONE BILLION

Portland, Maine, Jan. 13.—Suit for \$1,000,000,000 against the British ambassador to the United States for damages said to have been caused by an alleged conspiracy has been filed in the federal court by Lewis J. Marshall of Bisbee Falls, who recently was convicted of using the mails to defraud women who made silk ties on commission. Besides Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, Lord Bryce, his predecessor, and John B. Keating, British consul here, are named in the suit.

THE WAR TODAY

A critical situation for the Montenegrins is rapidly developing along their western frontier. Correspondents report that preparations are being made for the evacuation of Cetinje, the capital, imperiled by the Austrian capture of the stronghold of Mount Lovcen nearby.

Unconfirmed reports that the attacks of the Teutonic allies on the entente forces at Saloniki had begun are followed today by the announcement in a Saloniki dispatch that French engineers, as a precautionary measure, have blown up the important railroad bridge over the Struman river at Demir-Hissar, northern Greece.

SELECTING DATE FOR ANNUAL MEET

Marshalltown, Ia., Jan. 13.—Selecting a date for the annual encampment of the G. A. R. of Iowa was on the program at a meeting of officials of that organization and the Woman's Relief corps here today. G. A. Newman of Des Moines, assistant adjutant general of the G. A. R., was among the officers present.

Besides setting the date for the encampment the meeting was to receive reports on arrangements for convention halls.

HOTEL MINGATHER AT CEDAR RAPIDS

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Jan. 13.—Methods of conducting hotels, lunch counters and grill rooms with the idea of getting a closer working organization among the hotel men in Iowa were to be discussed before the annual convention of the Iowa State Hotel Men's association, which opened here today.

Hotel managers from all parts of the state were in attendance and President C. G. Holden of Waterloo opened the initial session.

The convention will be in session two days. The election of officers will be held tomorrow night.

EXPORT OF GOLD MAY SOON CEASE

London, Jan. 13.—The Daily News, in a financial article today, expresses the belief that export of gold to New York will soon cease.

"Although the present rate of exchange is well below the normal export point," says the Daily News, "there can be little doubt that with the abnormal freight and insurance charges now ruling very little profit attaches to such exports and as the exchange rate advances further no profit at all will be secured. This should be a matter of great satisfaction throughout the country, but should not check the efforts to curtail imports as much as possible."

The article also refers to a rumor that the Bank of Germany contemplates the exportation of gold to New York. It says that if this be true it is a highly important development favorable to the entente allies.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity.

Fair tonight and Friday. Continued cold tonight with the lowest temperature about 15 to 20 degrees below zero. Rising temperature Friday.

Temperature at 7 a. m., 21 degrees below zero. Highest yesterday, 32; lowest last night, 22 degrees below zero.

Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 14 miles per hour.

Precipitation, .09 inch. Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 61; at 1 p. m. today, 52.

Stage of water, 10.7, a rise of 1.3 feet in last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

FRANCE ASKS FOR ADVANCE BY TREASURY

Government Seeks to Solve Shipping Crisis Facing the Country.

TO PURCHASE VESSELS

100,000,000 Needed to Buy Ships to Relieve the Present Shortage.

Paris, Jan. 13.—To meet the transportation crisis resulting from the shortage of maritime shipping facilities the government has decided to ask parliament to authorize an advance by the treasury of 100,000,000 francs to ship owners, so that they may increase their fleets by purchasing allied or neutral vessels.

The government's bill will be presented to the chamber of deputies tomorrow. The preamble says that after examining plans to facilitate the provisioning of the country, lessen the drain on national wealth occasioned by high freight rates and assure future development of the merchant marine, the government has decided that the best method is to encourage private initiative by assisting owners to purchase allied or neutral steamers.

To Acquire Steamships.

The bill authorizes the treasury to make advances to ship owners, on the approval of the ministry of finances, up to the sum of 100,000,000 francs for the acquisition of steamships. These funds will be loaned at the rate of interest charged by the bank of France for advances on securities. Such loans will be made from the date of promulgation of the purchase price of vessels to be advanced is fixed at 70 per cent for companies already owning 20,000 tons of shipping or more, and 80 per cent for those owning less than this amount or for new enterprises. Repayment is to be made in the case of companies of the first class in three annual sums, in the case of the second class in four installments, and by fishing companies in eight payments. In each case the first installment will be payable one year after the time of purchase.

The steamships will be examined by government experts before they are bought. They must be in good navigable condition and guaranteed free from all mortgages or lien at the time of sale.

TEAMSTERS' STRIKE IN CHICAGO PENDING

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 13.—Officials of the local teamsters' union said today a strike would be called, probably at once, as the result of the refusal of the Chicago Contracting Team Owners' association to grant an increase in wages amounting to \$2 a week. Twenty-five hundred teamsters are involved.

Latest Bulletins

London, Jan. 13, (3:15 p. m.)—A wireless dispatch from Rome says that Queen Sophia of Greece has been summoned to the bedside of her brother, Emperor William, whose illness is described as serious. The queen, the message says, is to depart at once for Berlin.

Rome, Jan. 13, (via Paris, 4:15 a. m.)—The attack of the Teutonic allies on the entente forces defending Saloniki is being developed on a large scale, according to an Athens correspondent. He reports that a bombardment of the British line to the Doiran zone proceeded all day Monday.

Washington, Jan. 13.—President Wilson today approved Senator Tillman's proposal to establish a government armor plate factory.

Washington, Jan. 13.—The Italian liner Giuseppe Verdi will be permitted to clear from New York with her two guns still mounted. The state department had given its assent on assurances that the pieces are to be used only for defense.

MIDDLE WEST IS HELD IN GRIP OF FRIGID WEATHER

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 13.—The storm which began yesterday over the middle west continued today, snow, high winds and low temperatures prevailing over Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, the Dakotas, Minnesota and Wisconsin. From the Canadian northwest there also came reports of unusually low temperatures. The thermometer, at Prince Albert, Sask., went to 58 below.

According to meager reports Iowa, the Dakotas and Minnesota were the worst sufferers, on account of the heavy snowfall and the low temperatures. St. Paul reported 33 degrees below zero, Hannah, N. D., 53 below and Des Moines, Iowa, 22 below.

Railroad traffic west of Chicago has been seriously delayed and in many instances trains have been abandoned. At Council Bluffs, Iowa, more than twenty passenger trains are stalled, being unable to move in either direction.

Telephone and telegraph communication with the west was practically cut off, all companies reporting that regular routes are out of commission entirely.

In Chicago the thermometer was at zero and the prediction is for much colder weather.

Peoria, Ill., Jan. 13.—A drop in temperature of 51 degrees since noon yesterday was registered at the weather bureau today. With the thermometer at 16 below at 7 o'clock this morning, Peoria was the coldest point between St. Louis and Chicago.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 13.—On the anniversary of the memorable storm of 1888 St. Paul today experienced the coldest weather of the season. The thermometer had dropped to 31 below at six a. m.

Although there was a snow fall of about seven inches yesterday it was too light to cause the widespread damage that resulted years ago. A northwest gale increased the intensity of the cold. Trains were 16 to 18 hours late.

CHINESE REBELS QUELLED AT LAST BY GOVERNMENT

London, Jan. 13, (10:37 a. m.)—The many Chinese revolutionaries were killed and captured in a series of bloody engagements on Jan. 6, 7 and 8 in the districts of Tamsui, Potong, Yentzuwo and Pokio, according to information received from the Canton government by the British authorities at Hong Kong and forwarded by Reuters' Hong Kong correspondent.

The Hong Kong dispatch says that the rebels were well supplied with arms, munitions and uniforms. They fought until their ammunition was exhausted, when they continued to struggle with bombs.

Ultimately the revolutionaries were routed and many killed or taken prisoners. The government forces also captured munitions and horses.

Various garrisons are pursuing the rebels with the object of exterminating them.

JAP PREMIER HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Tokio, Jan. 13.—Count Okuma, the Japanese premier, had a narrow escape from death today at the hands of assassins. He was returning from the royal palace shortly after midnight and approaching his residence when two bombs were hurled at his automobile. The premier was not injured. Okuma's chauffeur caught a glimpse of the bomb thrower as he was about to launch his missile and put on speed so that the bomb exploded behind the machine without causing any damage. A second bomb thrown failed to explode.

Count Okuma made another visit to the palace at 11 o'clock this morning. The assailants escaped.

CHICAGOANS GIVE \$200,000 TO JEWS' AID

Chicago, Jan. 13.—More than two hundred thousand dollars has been raised in Chicago for the relief of Jewish sufferers in the European war zone, according to a statement today by Moses E. Greenbaum, treasurer of the Chicago branch of the relief organization.

Mr. Greenbaum said plans were on foot for a big meeting on Jan. 27, the day designated by President Wilson for a collection throughout the United States for Jewish war sufferers.

SADAGURA IS BELIEVED IN RUSS HANDS

Although Fall of Town Lacks Confirmation It Is Regarded as Likely.

IS STRATEGIC POINT

Natural Location and Facilities Make Possession of It an Advantage.

Paris, Jan. 12, (5:35 a. m.)—In view of the success of the Austrian offensive against Mount Lovcen, measures have been taken by the Montenegrin government to evacuate Cetinje immediately, according to a Reuters dispatch, says the Petit Journal's Milan correspondent.

A Scutari telegram to the Serbian legation in Rome describes the situation in Scutari as approaching desperation. Food is lacking to feed thousands of women, children and refugees from Serbia, the latter arriving in large numbers, swelling the refugee colony already established.

The new arrivals, adds the message, are obliged to sleep in the open air in the bitter cold. It declares that hundreds are dying daily in the streets of cold and hunger and that nearly all the very young children have died from lack of nourishment.

London, Jan. 13.—The news from the eastern front of the capture of Sadagura is regarded in military circles as probably true, although official confirmation has not been forthcoming.

The town, which lies a few miles northeast of Czernowitz and is a converging point for five good roads, is of considerable strategic importance and previous attempts to capture it have been stoutly resisted. Experts say Sadagura is of more importance than Czernowitz, on account of its stronger natural position and facilities for communication.

The report from Petrograd that the offensive in Algeria and Bessarabia has been suspended for the present is regarded as premature. The Russian offensive could not, it is believed, be suspended suddenly, as it was launched with unexpected strength. The object of that offensive is said to be three-fold: To demonstrate to the Rumanians that the Russian forces are able to assume the initiative when they choose; secondly, to divert Austro-German forces from the Balkans and western front, and finally, to improve the general strategic position of their own left flank.

Effect Undetermined.

While the full effect of this Russian offensive cannot yet be determined, entente military experts affirm that the second object was attained, that the situation in the Balkans was sensibly relieved, and that the operation undertaken by the Germans against the French in the Champagne was robbed of its force.

The fact that the French flag is now waving over the palace on the island of Corfu, which belonged to the German emperor, and that the occupation of the Greek island by the entente is considered as complete has, it is reported, already evoked a protest from the Greek government.

In Sympathy With Allies.

It is said that the protest is largely formal and that the allies have given Greece guarantees regarding their intentions. Greece, it is understood, takes a sympathetic view of the entente action, as it is for the purpose of preventing the Serbian army from risking the danger of starvation.

The German offensive in Champagne, which reached its culmination Sunday, is reported from French headquarters as having been undertaken on an important scale and with a definite military purpose. The failure is declared to have been complete and the German forces suffered terrible losses.

The Austrian forces are steadily developing their campaign in Montenegro, and military experts believe the fall of Cetinje, the capital of Montenegro, is possible in the near future.

PRICE SCHEDULED TO TAKE STAND TODAY

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 13.—Fredrick T. Price, on trial here on a charge of murdering his wife was scheduled to take the witness stand in his own behalf today. Price, it is charged, threw his wife off a cliff after she had come into possession of \$50,000.